

REMARKS

The Examiner's comments together with the cited references have been carefully studied. Favorable reconsideration in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 5-8 and 11 are now pending in the application. Claims 2-3 and 8-9 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to now claim a case and product for the case. Dependent claim 4 has been rewritten in independent form to include the subject matter of the cancelled claims.

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) because the product was not positively claimed and therefore did not figure into claim limitations that would distinguish the claim over the prior art. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended and now positively claims the product. The product is wrapped and sealed in a flexible barrier material to prevent high humidity and moisture penetration. The product container is a convenient carrying case, but can trap moisture which could damage film. After film exposure, moisture is not critical to the film so that exposed film can be carried in the case for a period of time. Claim 1, directed to the carrying case and product, is believed to be patentable. Claims 5-8 and 10-11 depend on claim 1 and are also believed to be patentable.

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rapchak et al. Claim 4 also stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ritter in view of Saveliev et al. and further in view of Rapchak;

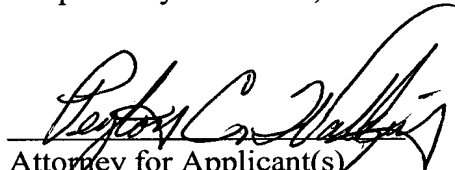
Applicants take the position that the combination of references cited by the Examiner does not teach or suggest applicants' invention as now claimed. Applicants' inventive concept provides for a case for storing and carrying a product wrapped in a moisture and humidity barrier exposed in a product container. The carrying case includes a hingedly attached recloseable lid, a finger release, a carrying strap and a flexible removable product partition. This combination of features is novel and unobvious in the art, and particularly provides the

user of photographic film a product to conveniently carry film. It also provides a way to quickly distinguish unused photosensitive film product and used photosensitive film product in the same carrying case. Claim 4 is believed to be patentable.

In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, claims 1, 4-8 and 11 are believed to be patentable and the application is now deemed in condition for allowance, and such favorable action is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner consider that additional amendments are necessary to place the application in condition for allowance, the favor is requested of a telephone call to the undersigned counsel for the purpose of discussing such amendments.

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